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SUBJECT: NORTHERN OPPOSITION TO EXECUTIVE PRESIDENCY PROVISION IN
DRAFT CONSTITUTION

1. ON JULY 20 PO WAS TOLD THAT THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL
OPPOSITION TO AND DETERMINATION IN NORTH TO CHANGE
DRAFT CONSTITUTION'S EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT SYSTEM (EPS)
TO (PROBABLY) ONE IN WHICH EXECUTIVE POWERS WILL BE
SHARED BETWEEN A PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER, WITH
LATTER HAVING MOST CLOUT. SOURCE WHO IS IMPORTANT MEMBER
OF TRADITIONAL ESTABLISHMENT HAS CHAIRED A NUMBER OF
SEMINARS RECENTLY WHICH ANALYZED DRAFT CONSTITUTION WITH
VIEW TO FORMULATING VIEWS WHICH IT IS HOPED AND ASSUMED
NORTHERN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS WILL REFLECT.

2. PO EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE AT "ESTABLISHMENT"
OPPOSITION TO EPS, SAYING THAT HIS READING OF MEDIA
DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION HAD LED HIM TO BELIEVE THAT
OPPONENTS OF EPS WERE CONCENTRATED IN MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS
OF PRESS AND ACADEMIA. SOURCE REPLIED THAT
"ESTABLISHMENT" SILENCE ON ISSUE WAS DUE TO CLEAR
UNDERSTANDING THAT SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL WANTED
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DRAFT CONSTITUTION ACCEPTED WITHOUT CHANGE, PARTICULARLY
IN SUCH KEY AREAS AS EPS. DESPITE SMC'S DESIRE FOR
"RUBBER-STAMP" CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, CHANGES, SOME
IMPORTANT, WOULD BE MADE IN DRAFT CONSTITUTION.

3. WHEN PO ASKED WHY ESTABLISHMENT WAS AGAINST EPS,
SOURCE SAID "WE KNOW OUR PEOPLE AND ANY STRONG PERSONALITY

ELECTED UNDER THE EPS WILL ALMOST INEVITABLY BECOME A
DICTATOR; THE PRISONS WOULD BE FULL IN NO TIME." HE THEN
CITED MURTALA MOHAMMED, BANDA (MALAWI) AND KENYATTA (KENYA)
AS EXAMPLES OF DICTATORIAL TYPES FEARED BY NIGERIANS.
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